

SEIZING OF DOGS AND CATS OR OTHER PETS

In Ferguson Township it is unlawful for the owner of any dog, cat or other pet to allow or permit such animal to run at large. The first time a dog, cat or other pet is seized, the owner shall pay a fine of \$15.00 to the Township as well as fees for keeping the animal in a kennel.

Any person allowing a dog, cat or other pet to run at large a third time could be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300.00, and / or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days.

LICENSES

The owner of any dog, three months of age or older must obtain a dog license on or before January 1st of each year. Dog licenses can be obtained through the Centre County Treasurer's Office at 420 Holmes Street in the Willowbank Building, Bellefonte, PA 16823. Their office hours are 8:30am –5:00pm M-F.

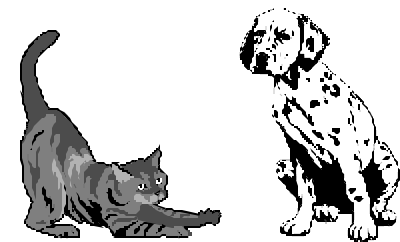


For more information about pet laws in Ferguson Township, contact the Township's Animal Control Officer at 814-238-4651, extension 3555.

Ferguson Township



Pet Ordinance Information



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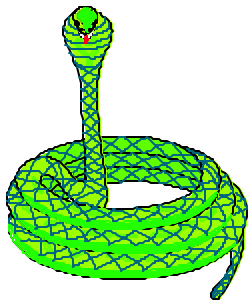
This fact sheet is designed to answer common questions concerning dogs, cats, and other pet ownership in Ferguson Township.

OWNER

An owner is any person having a right of property in any dog, cat or other pet, having custody of that animal, or any person who harbors or permits any animal or pet to remain on or around his or her property.

RUNNING AT LARGE

Any dog, cat or other pet being upon any public highway, street, park or any other public land, or upon property of another person other than the owner, and not being accompanied by or under control of the owner or any other person having custody of said animal.



CURBING OF ANIMALS AND REMOVAL OF FECES

No person owning, harboring, or in charge of any pet shall allow such pet to soil, defile, or defecate on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, park, or any place where people congregate or walk. The owner of any pet may curb their animal in the area between the street and the sidewalk, however all feces must be removed immediately by a sanitary method and disposed of properly. On private property the owner of a pet must also remove and dispose of feces in a sanitary manner.

Failure to remove and dispose of feces in a sanitary manner may result in a fine of \$10.00 for the first offense. The fine amount increases with each individual offense. Any default of payment of any fines and costs could result in commitment to the County jail for a period of thirty days.

RABIES LAW

Rabies vaccinations are required under the Pennsylvania Rabies Vaccination Law. This law was enacted in February 1987 and requires dog and cat owners to have their pets vaccinated against rabies when the animal reaches three months of age.

The reason for this law is to protect both humans and animals. Dogs and cats often have contact with wild animals that could be infected with rabies. Unvaccinated dogs and cats could spread the disease to humans. The fine for violation of the rabies law can add up to \$300.00 per day for each day of the violation.

Anyone who has a concern or may have been exposed to a rabid animal should contact the Department of Health at 814-865-0932. Testing of a possible rabid animal is done free of charge through the State Veterinary laboratory in Harrisburg.

